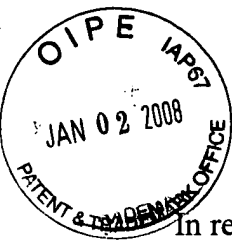


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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Binz DeWalch**

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Group Art Unit: **1723**Serial No.: **10/641,378**

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Date Filed: **August 13, 2003**

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Examiner: **Kim, Sun U**

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Title: **Method and Apparatus for  
Processing Substances in a  
Single Container**

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Docket No.: **PAT-015 CIPA  
(was D30473USC2)**

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*[Signature]*  
January 2, 2008

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified case are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to Final Office Action of July 2, 2007;
- ☒ Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (Fee for extension of time for reply within the third month after the shortened statutory period);
- ☒ Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$525.00 (Extension for reply within the third month after the shortened statutory period); and
- ☒ Return postcard.

### BEFORE PROCESSING "CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM"

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. NOTE: Applicant herewith provides the enclosed Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the respective fees to ensure the following:

(1) that the above-referenced application remains pending through the Statutory Period as provided in the Final Office Action of July 2, 2007 and;

(2) to ensure timely filing of a Continuation-In-Part Application (Attorney Docket No. PAT-015 CIP3) filed on January 2, 2008--under separate cover--which claims priority to the above-referenced application.

2. NOTE: Applicant has also filed a Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time in the Continuation-In-Part Application (Attorney Docket No. PAT-015 CIP3) filed on January 2, 2008--under separate cover--in order to ensure that the Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time and respective fees have been timely received by the USPTO.

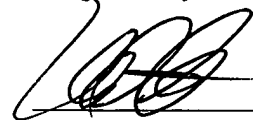
3. NOTE: Please only make one charge for the Three-Month Extension of Time under the Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$525.00--in the above-referenced application. In addition, please return to Applicant the extra unused Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 from either (1) the submission herein or (2) the submission--under separate cover--of the Continuation-In-Part Application (Attorney Docket No. PAT-015 CIP3) filed on January 2, 2008 as appropriate.

4. Applicant respectfully requests that USPTO receipt of the above-mentioned items be confirmed by timely date stamping and returning the postcard enclosed herewith.

5. Additionally, with regard to the fees, it is believed the fees are as per the fee schedule and transmittal and that no other fees are due, however authorization is hereby provided to revise the attached credit card form to provide a corrected fee amount if required for the fees or any other required fees.

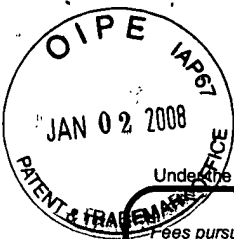
Respectfully Submitted,

Date: January 2, 2008

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
**For FY 2008**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 525.00**Complete if Known**

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First Named Inventor	Binz DeWalch
Examiner Name	Kim, Sun U
Art Unit	1723
Attorney Docket No.	PAT-015 CIPA

**METHOD OF PAYMENT** (check all that apply)☐ Check ☒ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): \_\_\_\_\_☐ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, **except for the filing fee**  
☐ Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 ☐ Credit any overpayments**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.****FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	310	155	510	255	210	105	
Design	210	105	100	50	130	65	
Plant	210	105	310	155	160	80	
Reissue	310	155	510	255	620	310	
Provisional	210	105	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	210	105
Multiple dependent claims	370	185

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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- 20 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$260 (\$130 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Three-Month Extension of Time**Fees Paid (\$)**

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**SUBMITTED BY**

Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	57,028	Telephone	713-861-8993
Name (Print/Type)	Michael A. Evans	Date	January 2, 2008		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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